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SUBJECT: GOM-CONTROLLED PRESS CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT
FORD'S "THREAT" TO USE FOOD POLICY AS WEAPON AGAINST OIL
CARTELS.

1. MEXICO CITY PRESS HAS ZEROED IN PREDICTABLY ON PRESIDENT
FORD'S WARNING BEFORE UNGA THAT FOOD AND ENERGY POLICIES SHOULD
ELICIT COOPERATION, NOT CONFRONTATION, LABELING IT A "THREAT"
OF US RETALIATION AGAINST OIL PRODUCERS. IN PARTICULAR,
GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED EL NACIONAL TOOK SHARP ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT'S
"THREAT" AND EXPRESSED DISTINCT SYMPATHY WITH RESPONSE OF
VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ IN BEHALF OF OIL PRODUCERS AND
(OSTENSIBLY) THIRD WORLD.

2. IN CAREFULLY COUCHED EDITORIAL, NACIONAL DERIDED THE PRESIDENT'S
WARNING AS AN ASSERTION OF "THE SUPPOSED RIGHT OF THE STRONG
TO EXPLOIT HUNGER IN ORDER TO DOMINATE THE WEAK." VENEZUELAN
PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS DESCRIBED AS A
RINGING DEFENSE OF IDEAS WITH WHICH THIRD WORLD IS ATTEMPTING
TO BRING ABOUT AN EQUITABLE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEVELOPED
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COUNTRIES AND LDC'S.

3. WITH CONSIDERABLY LESS RESTRAINT, TWO EDITORIAL-PAGE NATIONAL COLUMNISTS TIED PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE (A) TO MEANACING SPECTRE OF WORLDWIDE STARVATION AND (B) TO RECENT US "CONFESSIONS" OF INTERNAL MEDDLING IN CHILE. BOTH SAW SIGNS IN UNGA SPEECH THAT, "NEW DIALOGUE"NOTWITHSTANDING, THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES SEEKING TO ALTER WORLD'S ECONOMIC BALANCE MIGHT BE TREATED TO RESUMPTION OF BIG STICK POLITICS FOR THEIR PAINS.

4. COMMENT: ISSUE OF COURSE PLAYS INTO HANDS OF GOM, WHICH ARGUES THA ANSWER FOR CONFLICTS OVER SCARCE RESOURCES LIES IN UNGA ENDORSEMENT OF ECHEVERRIA'S CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

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